

Statement of: PTLM Ryan Kuzma Date: 05-06-16 Time: 0753
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On 05-06-16 At Approx, 0200 Hrs Officers were Dispatched to 119 Marie Ave In Weirton WV Hancock Co Regarding A Disturbance with A Frantic Female that called But Hung Up and No Information Given PTLM Mader called Direct From Colliers Way, PTLM Baker Called Direct from Penn. Ave Itizi and I just called Direct. I Thought At That time PTLM Mader would Arrive First Before other Officers. My Location was The Station Lot. While In Route I Approached The Intersection of Cove Road And Saw I Had A Red Light, At The Same Time To My Left I Saw PTLM Baker on Penn. Ave Who Also Had A Red Light and At This Time I did Not Activate my Lights Because we were About A Block Away From Marie Ave And PTLM Mader Indicated Over The Radio He Was on Marie. I Did not Activate My Emergency Lights Because Lack of Traffic on The Roadway At That Time of Night. At This Time Dispatch came over The Radio In An Alarm Tone And Advised For "Officers Be Aware For A Weapon Involved"! PTLM Baker Then went First Through The Intersection And I Followed Close Behind. A couple Hundred Yards Myself And PTLM Baker Turned Left on Marie Ave. Once We Crested The Hill I could See PTLM Mader Rear Cruiser Parking Light. Shortly After PTLM Baker Slammed on His Brakes in The Middle of The Road Causing Me To Have To Veer To My Left so not to Rear End His Cruiser once I stopped Beside PTLM Baker I could See PTLM Mader Down The Road With His Gun Drawn And Yelling At Someone To "Drop It" I Exited my vehicle And Started At A Fast Pace Towards PTLM Mader. When I Opened my Vehicle Door It Crossed My Mind TO Get My K9 Partner Rico Out But Realized I Didn't Know What The situation Was for PTLM Mader To Have His Gun Drawn So I Had To Assess The Threat First. I Started A Fast Pace Into The Front of my Cruiser And Drew My Gun Because PTLM Mader Had His Out. As I went up the Roadway And Knew PTLM Baker was To My Right I could See And Hear PTLM Mader still Yelling TO "Drop IT"! That's When I made Contact With A Male Subject And Focused My Gun on Him. I could Not See Any Weapon On Him Until I Yelled For Him To "Drop It"! Because PTLM Mader was Yelling That
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At That Time The Subject Focused His Attention On Me And Pointed A Gun At Me While Started To Walk Towards Me. My First Thought Was "Holy Shit He's Pointing A Gun At Me"! I Could not Believe He Actually Pointed A Gun At Me And was in Disbelef And In My Ten(10) years as an officer Ive Never Had A Gun Pointed At Me. I Yelled For The Male To "Drop It"! Again As Was PTLM Mader Was Also Yelling At Him To "Drop It"! The Male The The Swang His Gun Towards PTLM Mader And pointed It At him. The Male Kept Walking Towards Me And I kept Yelling At Him to "Drop It" And That's When He Focused Back on Me And Pointed His Gun At Me Again. At This Point I felt Fearful For My Life And Also PTLM Mader And That The Subject was Going To Pull His Trigger And Kill Me. That's When I Made The Dezesion To Fire My Gun At The Male To Stop His Threat. I Fired Off Three Rounds Quickly But The Subject Didn't Seem Phased And Was still Pointing His Gun At Me. I Refocused My Gun And Fired One More Round At Which Point The Male Fell To The Ground And I Held My Fire. I Quit To Walk Towards The Male With My Gun Drawn And Yelled TO PTLM Mader TO secure The Guy To Make Sure He's Still Not A Threat. When I Got Close I could See The Gun Laying Approx Two Feet From The Male And That He Had Head Trauma And Blood Was Pouring From His Head. At This Point It Was Obvious To Me He Was Dead But I Still Radioed For Fire And EMS To Be Sent I Kept My Gun Drawn A PTLM Mader And PTLM Baker Went To The Front Door Of The House In Question. TO assess The Situation For The Oredute Call I Stood By Near The Subject But Never Touched Him OR The Gun And Soon After PTLM Baker And PTLM Mader Came Back Outside To Me And Said The House Was Secure. PTLM Banannino and LT. Paterson Arrived And Said We Need To Secure The Scene And If Anyone Had Yellow Caution Tape PTLM Mader Had some And The Began Putting The Tape Up Around The Exteriers of The crusers. Right Before This I Discussed Shooting Off Four Rounds As We Were trying To Find The spend Casings TO Ptlm Baker. My Dept Issue Weapon Is A 45 Cal That Holds Eight Rounds in The Magazine And One in The Camber When I checked my Mag It Had

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